Service Training Institute in collaboration with other concerned Departments of the Government of India, and various Chambers of Commerce and Industries for senior and middle level officials in our Missions who are engaged in economic and commercial work.

Chinese Premier's visit to India

2543. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Chinese Premier has visited the country recently ;

(b) whether some issues of bilateral relations have been discussed ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI) : (a) The Chinese Premier visited India at the invitation of the Prime Minister Shri P. V. Narasimha Rao from December 11 to 16, 1991.

(b) and (c) Bilateral issues including the boundary question and functional cooperation in various areas of mutual interest were discussed between the two sides.

Both sides reiterated that efforts would be made to arrive at an early and mutually acceptable solution to the boundary question through friendly consultations. The two sides also agreed to maintain peace and tranquility in the border areas pending a final settlement of the boundary question.

The two sides positively appraised cooperation in trade, culture, science & technology, and agreed to expand cooperation in agriculture, energy, public health and education.

An Agreement on the re-establishment of Consulates General in Shanghai and Bombay, a Consular Convention, a Memorandum on the Resumption of Border Trade, a Trade Protocol for 1992, and a Memorandum of Cooperation in the Peaceful Applications of Outer Space Sciences and Technology were signed during the visit of the Chinese Premier to India.

Functions of U.N. Working Group

2544. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether India has been nominated as Chairman of U.N. Working Group under U.N. Disarmament Conference ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) what shall be the tenure of this office; and

(d) what will be functions as Chairman of U.N. Working Group dealing with nuclear disarmament?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI) : (a) to (c) India has been nominated as Chairman of the Working Group on the item "process of nuclear disarmament in the framework of international peace and security with the objective of elimination of nuclear weapons" at the next substantive session of the United Nations Disarmament Commission to be held in New York from April 20 to May 11, 1992.

(d) As Chairman, India's representative will preside over the meetings of the Working Group.

Hate wave against India in U.K.

2545. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any hate wave against Indians in U.K. as reported in the Indian Express 25th September, 1991;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken up the issue with the U.K. Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and outcome therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI) : (a) No, Sir. There is no hate wave against Indians in U.K.

(b) to (d) do not arise.

Response from French Industrialists

2546. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any positive response from the French industrialists for the invitation given to them by the Prime Minister to participate in the fields of harnessing solar energy for agriculture and industries in India ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI) : (a) and (b) The French industrialists whom Prime Minister had met last month in Paris, have shown interest in investing in India. The French consultancy company SOFRETEC is trying to identify concrete collaboration projects in the field of solar energy.

Nuclear free South Asia Zone

2547. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD :
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 149 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd December, 1991 and state India's stand on the outcome of talks held with U.S. Under Secretary of State on the issue of Pakistan proposal for making nuclear free South Asia Zone in Delhi recently and with other countries ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI) : (a) the talks held with US Under Secretary of State Mr. Reginald Barthoomew during his recent visit to India covered a wide range of international and regional security issues.

We have reservations about Pakistan's proposal for a Nuclear-Weapon-Free-Zone in South Asia.

पाकिस्तान का भारत के विरुद्ध गलत सूचना देने का अभियान

2548. डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय :
श्री राम सिंह राठवा :
श्री सुरेश पचौरी :

क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पाकिस्तान भारत के विरुद्ध, विशेषकर जम्मू और कश्मीर के संबंध में, गलत सूचना फैलाने के लिए विभिन्न अंतर्राष्ट्रीय मंचों का इस्तेमाल कर रहा है ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि पाकिस्तान ने हाल ही में अपने गलत सूचना अभियान के एक अंग के रूप में इस्लामिक सम्मेलन के संगठन का उपयोग किया हैं ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो पाकिस्तान के गलत सूचना अभियान का मुकाबला करने के लिए सरकार ने क्या कार्यवाही की है ?

विदेश मंत्री (श्री माधवसिंह सोलंकी) : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) जी हां ।

(ग) सरकार ने अंतर्राष्ट्रीय समुदाय को इस बात से अवगत कराया है कि पाकिस्तान जम्मू और कश्मीर में आतंकवाद और तोड़फोड़ की गतिविधियों को समर्थन दे रहा है और वह राज्य की स्थिति को गलत रूप से प्रस्तुत करने का प्रयास कर रहा है तथा शिमला समझौते का उल्लंघन करके इस मसले को अंतर्राष्ट्रीय रूप देने का प्रयास कर रहा है । सरकार ने बार-बार यह भी दोहराया है कि इस्लामी देशों के संगठन को इस मामले में हस्तक्षेप का कोई अधिकार नहीं है । शिमला समझौते को व्यापक समर्थन मिल रहा है । और भारत के विरुद्ध चलाए जा रहे आतंकवाद में पाकिस्तान का हाथ होने पर अंतर्राष्ट्रीय चिन्ता में वृद्धि हो रही है ।

India's stand on economic assistance from developed nations

2549. SHRI S. MADHAVAN : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have emphasised the policy of precedence for the developmental needs of the poor over issues such as human rights, rule of law and democracy in the international fora;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have urged upon the developed nations not to link the problems of human rights, rule of law and democracy with economic assistance;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and